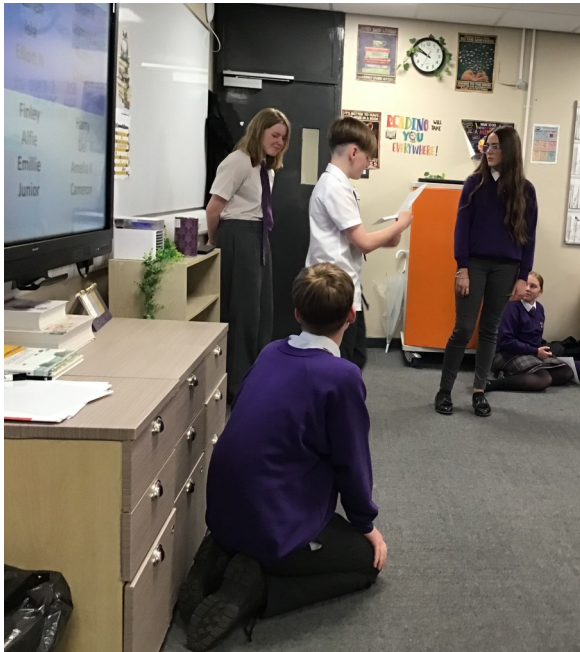


ST MARTINS SCHOOL

22 May 2026



We had a “No Pens Day” in school this week. This is an initiative where schools put away writing tools for the day. Instead of written assignments, students learn through interactive discussions, practical activities, and problem-solving, which helps build confidence, listening skills, and alternative ways to communicate .

Students enjoyed a range of different activities including debates, origami, kahoot quizzes, acting, podcasts, and courtroom role play. The day gave all the students an opportunity to practice and improve speech and language skills , and build on the work that families already do.

Being able to talk and understand words is a skill we learn as children – by listening to our families, trying out new words, being read to and having conversations. Resources can be found at:

[Resource library for families - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)



As part of the national celebrations for Sir David Attenborough’s 100 birthday, school took a group of students to an event showcasing the work done by local company Nature's Safe. Based in South Shropshire, this organisation is a wildlife cryo-biobank preserving live cells and cell tissues from animals at risk of extinction.

Students learnt about this ground breaking work and the science behind it .

Register for The Wellbeing Hub



Parents at St Martins School

Just a quick reminder about our fantastic resource called the Wellbeing Hub—scan the QR code to access information on a variety of topics to support you and your family with mental health, exam stress, social media, staying safe online to name but a few.

Please can all pupils bring a pre filled water bottle into school each day; since the fire filling water bottles particularly in secondary is a challenge. Have a lovely half term and see you on Monday 1 June, Mrs Pope

Dates for the diary

25-29 May—half term

1 June—KS1 SATs

15 June—year 11 leavers assembly

17 June—GCSE exams finish

18 June—year 7 parents evening

22 June—year 10 work experience week

22 June—whole school enrichment week

23 June—year 11 Prom at Lion Quays

27 June—3 July—Cadet camp

29 June—Primary sports day

6-7 July—year 7 (September 2026) taster days

13 July—year 6 “move up “ assembly

14 July—sports day reserve primary

21 July—SECONDARY SPORTS DAY (date change)

22 July—Last day

2 September—return to school for autumn term

In Creative Writing Club this half term, many students entered a Young Writers competition, where schools from across the UK engage with creative writing and take part in competitions.

We are delighted to share that several of our students were carefully selected to have their short Stranger Things-style stories published - a fantastic achievement!

Please join us in saying a huge well done to:

Charlotte Walsh, Ella Moss, Eva Stant, Katie Harris, Megan Evans, Myah Preston and Elizabeth Gonzales-Birkhill



SPORTS DAYS 2026

Change to the SECONDARY SPORTS days because of the dates we've been given for the Cadet camps. **NOW TUESDAY 21 JULY (reserve 22 JULY) Parents can attend the afternoon.**

PRIMARY is MONDAY 29 June

Key stage 1 sports day at 10am (gates open at 9.50) and the Key stage 2 one at 1.30pm (gates open at 1.20)

PLEASE WEAR A HOUSE COLOUR T SHIRT IF YOU CAN for PRIMARY

HOUSE NEWS!



Meet our team of house captains:

Jac Woolam for Ifton
Phoebe Vickers for Moors
Mia Little for Rhyn
Bettie Sudlow for Heath

House captains help lead their house, organise activities, and make sure everyone feels included and proud of their House.

Proud of Our Young Artist

We are proud of a talented Year 7 student who has been practising their art at home. They have created some excellent tonal drawings.

Ms Tomley's favourite is the pathway into the sunset, and Miss Price's favourite is the silhouette of a man on a bench under a street lamp, showing great use of tone and careful drawing.

Well done on your hard work!



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Salary Grade 2
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An exciting opportunity has arisen for a cheerful and approachable person to join our Lunchtime Supervisory team.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills and be able to communicate in a professional but friendly manner to both students and staff.

Full details of the post can be found on the website 'mynewterm' via the link on the school website www.stmartins3-16.org/school-information/job-vacancies/

Please contact clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk with any queries.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. Friday 29 May 2026

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE affects your **FUTURE**, so make sure it is **GREAT** ✓

★ **WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?**

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 1 day
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

★ **BE SMART BE THERE!** ★
Percentages based on 190 academic days

⚠ Did you know that **17 days missed per year** (which equates to roughly **9% attendance**) can result in a pupil dropping a full GCSE grade in all subjects. ★ ★